GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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KILLING OF PERSONS BY SECURITY FORCES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of innocent people mistakenly killed by security force in the country particularly in Jammu and Kashmir during each of the last three years, State-wise, as on date; and

(b) the effective steps taken by the Government to stop such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL

(a): As per available information, details of the number of innocent people killed mistakenly by Security Force (Central Para Military Forces and Army) during the last three years are as under:

Name of the State	2003	2004	2005 (31st July)
Jammu & Kashmir	10	9	7
Manipur	Nil	1	Nil
Assam	Nil	1	1

The relevant information concerning the State Police Forces is not maintained centrally.

(b): Government have reiterated instructions to all Security Forces from time to time in order to sensitize them to exercise restraint, use discretion and conduct all search and counter terrorism operations in a humane manner. Security Forces have been educated to strictly follow the principle of use of minimum force and not to open fire on unarmed civilians, lay ambushes away from inhabited areas and to open fire only after following the laid down tactical procedures. To avoid incidents of collateral damage due to mistaken identity, the local population has been cautioned to strictly follow the laid down curfew orders, and in cases of emergency, carry lanterns/torches at night. Any alleged incident of collateral damage by security forces are taken serious note of and inquiries made promptly in a transparent manner and taken to their logical conclusion, followed by strict punitive action against those found guilty.